



**VISION:** Eau Claire is a vibrant city with exceptional quality of life and services.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** It is our mission to assure the common good through services essential for a safe, sustainable, engaged and healthy community.

## City Manager

### Budget Process and Current Documents

Every fall, the City Council reviews and approves an operating budget for the next year. The operating budget describes what services will be provided and how those services will be paid for. Departments start preparing their budget requests in May. Those requests are reviewed by the City Manager who presents a recommended budget to the City Council in early October. Following a series of work sessions on the budget, the City Council receives citizen input and approves the operating budget in November.

A copy of the 2016 [Budget Presentation](#) is available on the City's website. The Chippewa Valley Community Television videos of the four work sessions are available for your viewing at <http://www.cvctv.org/video/>.

In the spring of each year, departments begin planning capital projects for the next 5 years. Capital projects include bike trails, street resurfacing, development of parks, replacement of equipment, building maintenance, and others. These projects are presented to the City Council as part of the Capital Improvement Plan. The 2016 capital improvement projects are included with the November budget adoption.

### New E2C2 Questionnaire



The City is again using the E2C2 on-line forum to help city council members gauge public interest and priorities with regard to the 2016 budget. The questionnaire is expected to take citizens about 10 minutes to complete. In this forum, participants are asked to select which services they would provide money to by allocating a 'theoretical' \$500. To help users understand how much the City currently spends on these services, we have included the current allocation, based on \$500. Participants are able to access E2C2 at [Eau Claire Electronic Conversation](#) to comment until November 9.

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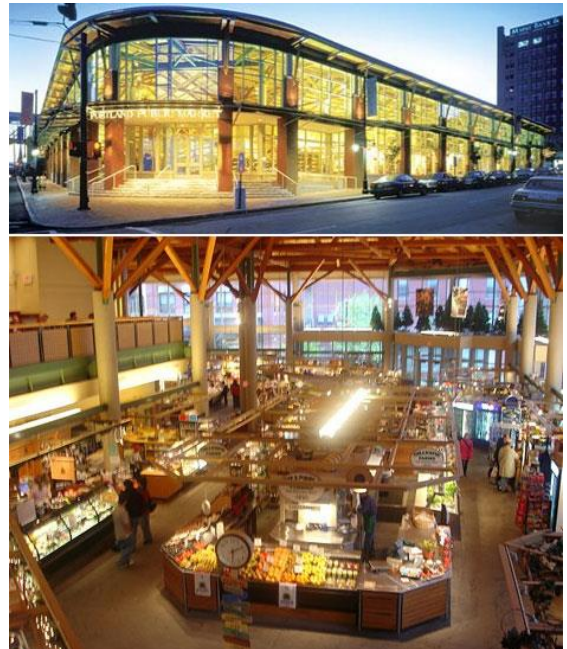
## Community Development

### Eau Claire Public Market Feasibility Study

The City Council accepted a \$25,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture Local Food Promotion Program planning grant to undertake a public market feasibility study. The study will evaluate if the local economy can create and sustain a year-round indoor facility, by expanding supply and consumption of local food. USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack announced on October 2 that the “USDA is helping to create economic opportunities for producers, increase access to fresh, healthy food for consumers, and connect rural and urban economies across the country... each of the grants target a unique part of the growing market for local foods.”

The study will investigate important factors such as the goal of the project, supply and demand analysis, programing and tenant mix (including a possible food hub element), merchandising principles, ownership, management and operating structure, healthy food access initiatives, site and building design, financial and pro forma analysis, capital funding options, partnerships and more.

Interest in public markets has been reinvigorated based on the economic success of local food. Madison, Green Bay, and Kenosha are well underway with such efforts. The Project for Public Space defines public markets as “markets which operate in or as a public space, feature only locally owned and operated businesses, and which have a broader public purpose, such as neighborhood revitalization or improving community health.”



City Manager Russ Van Gompel, stood alongside sponsors, partners, and city council members, as he explained the Eau Claire Public Market Feasibility Study. The City received a grant from the USDA and will look into the possibility of a market to be located in a neighborhood that is being revitalized, called West Riverside, along the Chippewa River and Oxford Avenue.

The City is specifically looking to revitalize a central neighborhood called West Riverside. The City’s Redevelopment Authority has been assembling properties along the Chippewa River/Oxford Avenue in the Cannery District to create a future mixed-use redevelopment with public parkland. The feasibility study will also look at the potential of locating such a public market facility within this area.

The City is pleased to be working with a host of great community partners. Our “Champion Sponsors” - Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire, Marshfield Clinic, and Mayo Clinic Health System – NW WI each provided \$25,000 in support of this study. Project team partners include UW-Extension, Eau Claire County, UW-Eau Claire, and Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. The study will be completed by September 30, 2016.





### Sculpture Tour Winner

We have a winner! On Thursday, October 22, the Sculpture Tour announced the winner for this year's tour. The "Trojan Horse" was created by Dale Lewis. The sculpture is currently on the corner of S. Barstow Street and Madison Street. The horse stands at 12 feet tall and weighs about 1,000 pounds. He will be on permanent display, but the location has not been decided yet. If you have not seen this grand statue, make sure to go check it out!



### Sculpture Tour 2014 Dedication

The Sculpture Tour dedicated a permanent installation for "Going for the Goal" on Thursday, October 22. The bronze hockey sculpture was made by Dee Clements, an artist from Colorado. The permanent sculpture is in front of Hobbs and was voted People's Choice 2014.



DECI PRESENTS

# Trick-or-Treating

*Downtown Eau Claire*

## Friday October 30th 3 - 5 PM




Downtown Eau Claire's streets will be overrun with witches, goblins, and superheroes as little ones roam from place to place filling up their pumpkins and pillowcases.

Local merchants generously hand out treats to thousands of kids!

**VISIT PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES ALONG:**  
 North & South Barstow St.  
 North and South Farwell St.  
 Phoenix Park Area  
 Graham Avenue (Including Syverson Lutheran Home)  
 East & West Grand Ave  
 Water Street



**WWW.DOWNTOWNEAUCLAIRE.ORG**



## The Holiday SEASON OPENER



Track down the best gifts while the hunters are away!

**Friday, November 20th  
Saturday, November 21st**

Holiday Shopping, Open Houses, Special Events,  
Prizes, Refreshments and Fun!





## Hunt for the best gifts in Downtown Eau Claire!

Discover more at  
[DowntownEauClaire.org](http://DowntownEauClaire.org)

### SHOP LOCAL & SUPPORT DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES!

S. Barstow Street      Water Street      W. Grand Avenue  
 N. Barstow Street      Phoenix Park Neighborhood



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## Fire & Rescue

### Change Your Clock/Change Your Batteries

With the upcoming “fall back” to end daylight savings in the early morning hours of November 1, residents are reminded to change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Changing these batteries twice a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce fire-related deaths and injuries. Statistics show that working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. Three out of five home deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms, usually caused by missing, disconnected, or dead batteries. Eighty percent of child fire fatalities occur in homes without working smoke alarms.



It is recommended to replace smoke alarms every ten years due to decreased sensitivity. Don't let yourself or someone you love become a tragic statistic.

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## Health

**The Good News: Lead poisoning is 100% preventable!**  
*October 25-31 is National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week*

There were **4,865 Wisconsin children** who had blood lead levels of 5 mcg/dl (micrograms per deciliter) or higher in 2013. There is no safe limit of lead in blood, but 5 mcg/dl is referenced because even small amounts may cause developmental problems in a child.




### What is Childhood Lead Poisoning?

- Childhood lead poisoning is a sickness caused by swallowing or breathing lead dust. Lead poisoning can hurt a child's brain and nervous system and slow down growth and development. Exposure to lead can affect almost every organ and system in a child's body.
- Lead is most harmful to a child's brain. Children whose bodies have too much lead may have problems with learning and behaving well.




***• Talk to your doctor if you have concerns about lead poisoning. The only way to know if your child has been exposed to lead is to have them tested.***

### Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning

Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health.

 Damage to the brain and nervous system	 Slowed growth and development	 Learning and behavior problems	 Hearing and speech problems
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**How much lead does it take to poison a child?**  
**Less than the size of a sugar packet spread around a 2-bedroom home.**



Lead-poisoned child

## Recognizing Lead in your Home

- Children residing in homes built before 1978 are most at risk for lead exposure. Lead-based paint usage was banned nationwide in 1978, but many houses in the Eau Claire area may still contain lead paint.
- Peeling paint on interior and exterior walls (including soils around the home), window frames and sills, and other surfaces painted before 1978 may be dangerous to a child. During renovations and repairs, lead dust can accumulate in the air and on home surfaces (window sills, floors). Children may be poisoned when they swallow or breathe in lead dust.
- **Test your home for lead paint if it was built before 1978. Call the Eau Claire City-County Health Department if you have any concerns at 715-839-4718.**

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## Library



### Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction Writer's Workshop

*Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, & 24 • 6-7:30 p.m. • Chippewa Room*

Have you been carrying a story or novel but haven't quite got it down on paper? Or written a story that's still missing 'something'? Develop new writing techniques through a brief lecture and in-class writing exercises. Led by writer Michelle Koehn. Space is limited. Register online at [www.ecpubliclibrary.info/events](http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/events).

### Climate Change: A Crisis and an Opportunity to Build a Better World

*Thursday, November 5 • 6-7 p.m. • Eau Claire Room*

Carrie Scherpelz will present a short multi-media presentation followed by a discussion about how public policy is being formed as a response to climate change, and how individuals can take action. Scherpelz has been trained as a presenter by The Climate Reality Project, which was founded in 2006 by Nobel Laureate and former U.S. Vice President Al Gore.

Presented in cooperation with "Climate Change Policy and Public Health," a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) hosted by U.W. – Madison. For more information or to register for the MOOC, visit <https://moocs.wisc.edu>

### Finding Grandma's Ancestors

*Saturday, November 7 • 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. noon • Eau Claire Room*

Have you traced your genealogy back to Europe, but not sure how to find records from "the old country"? Join genealogy author Steve Szabados as he discusses how to simplify the daunting search. Participants will discover:

- How to locate your ancestors' point of departure
- Where to find European records
- How to translate records

### DIY Dabble: Dry Erase List

Thursday, November 19 • 6-7 p.m. • Eau Claire Room

Crafts aren't just for kids! Adults are invited to try their hand at crafting with simple, one-hour projects. All materials are provided. Registration required: [www.ecpubliclibrary.info/events](http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info/events).



For information about library services, programs and events, visit the library online at [www.ecpubliclibrary.info](http://www.ecpubliclibrary.info), stop at Information & Reference on your next visit to the library, e-mail the library at [librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us](mailto:librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us), or call 715-839-5004.

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## Parks, Recreation & Forestry

### New Session of Water Fitness Classes Begin November 2

The return of cooler weather doesn't mean Eau Claire residents have to get out of the water. The Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department will be offering its next session of Water Fitness classes, starting the week of November 2.

- Deep Water, 6:30 to 7:25 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays for seven weeks, starting November 2 at North High School. No class November 23-26.
- Shallow Water, 6:30 to 7:25 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays for seven weeks, starting November 2 at North High School. No class November 23-26.
- Deep Water, 7 to 7:55 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays for seven weeks, starting November 3 at DeLong Middle School. No class November 23-26.

Cost is \$48 for Eau Claire residents, \$58 for non-residents. Drop-in participants also are welcome, depending on space. Cost is \$6 per session or two punches on a City Pass. To register, visit [www.eauclairewi.gov/reg](http://www.eauclairewi.gov/reg).

### Final 'Healthy Trails' Hike of the Season November 14

Hit the trails for a happier, healthier you with the final installment of a new Parks and Recreation program in partnership with Mayo Clinic Health System. Join a health care provider for a walk on a local trail, while learning about important health topics. Healthy Trails is a free program and open to all ages and fitness levels. The next program meets from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, November 14, at the Owen Park playground. RSVPs are not necessary.



### Youth-Parent Basketball Camp Begins November 16

Players and parents will participate in skill-building basketball drills during a five-week "Winter Basketball Camp" from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays, starting November 16, at Flynn Elementary School, 1430 Lee Street. No class November 23. Youth participants must be in kindergarten through second grade. Cost is \$15 for Eau Claire residents, \$25 for non-residents. To register, visit [www.eauclairewi.gov/reg](http://www.eauclairewi.gov/reg).

### Scholarship Donations Help Program Participants

Each year, about 400 children are able to participate in Eau Claire Parks and Recreation programs, thanks to the City's youth scholarship program. The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting donations to assist with the upcoming year's scholarship requests. Based on financial need, a participant can have a portion of their registration fee subsidized through the scholarship program. To help, or for more information, call 715-839-5032.



## Winter Open Skating Opportunities at Hobbs Ice Center

Hobbs Ice Center has several skating opportunities throughout the fall and winter.

- Lunch Break Open Skate: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays through May 20. Admission is \$3 or a single punch of a City Pass (skate rental included). No skating November 26, December 24-25 or January 1.
- Rink Rat Hockey: Sundays through March 27 and Wednesdays through April 27. Mites/Squirts (ages 7-10) play from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.; Peewees/Bantams (ages 11-14) play from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 or a single punch of a City Pass. No skating November 25.
- Adult Open Hockey: Sundays through March 27 and Wednesdays through April 27. 8:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Admission is \$6 or two punches of a City Pass. No skating November 25.
- Adult Open Broomball: Sundays through March 27 and Wednesdays through April 27. 8:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. Admission is \$6 or two punches of a City Pass. No skating November 25.

## Holiday Sale on Fairfax Pool Passes

Get your 2016 Fairfax Pool Pass at the lowest price of the season! Purchase your pass from December 1 through January 31 for a 20 percent discount.

- Youth Resident...\$42      Youth Non-Resident...\$60
- Adult Resident...\$52      Adult Non-Resident...\$70
- Family of 3 Resident\*...\$98      Family of 3 Non-Resident\*...\$144

\*Add \$5 more for each additional family member

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## Halloween

The Eau Claire Police Department wishes to pass along these safety tips to ensure that participants will have a happy and safe Halloween:

- Children's visits should be made from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Residents who wish to welcome trick-or-treaters should leave a door or porch light on. Children should be advised to only visit homes with outside lights on.
- Children who participate in trick-or-treating should be supervised by a responsible person who is not trick-or-treating.
- Children should only cross at crosswalks or intersections of streets. Never cross a street from between parked cars or mid-block, and never run into the street.
- Motorists should exercise extreme caution during the hours of Halloween activities and be aware of unpredictable movements by children.
- Halloween costumes should be light in color, short enough to prevent tripping and made of non-flammable material. For greater visibility, costumes may be decorated with reflective tape or glow sticks. Trick-or-treaters should also carry a flashlight.
- Facial makeup should be used whenever possible as masks tend to obstruct vision.
- Instruct children not to eat their treats until a responsible adult has inspected them.
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged treats.
- Keep costumed children away from pets as the costume may frighten the pet, although we know some pets wear costumes, too!



## Watch for Deer!



As you travel the streets of Eau Claire this time of year, you will notice that deer are very active – especially along main highways. Pay extra attention while driving in order to avoid hitting deer. Particular areas to watch for are ditches and near wooded areas. Last year, during the months of October and November, 24 total car/deer crashes were reported, compared to an average of three car/deer crashes the other months of the year. If a deer does run out in front of your vehicle, avoid swerving, which can lead to loss of control and may cause serious harm to yourself and others on the roadway.

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## Public Works

### City, Downtown Non-profits Discuss Possible Changes to Parking Rates

City staff presented potential changes in parking hours and rates to Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. (DECI) and the West Grand Avenue Business Improvement District earlier this month. Because of the groups' missions of advancing downtown revitalization, City staff wanted to get the organizations' feedback before the proposal went before the City Council for a vote (tentatively scheduled later in November).

Proposed changes would increase the hours, days and rates of parking fees. The plan calls for collection from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Currently, parking is enforced from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Fees also would be increased to \$1 an hour, as opposed to the current 25 cents an hour. Parking stations would be upgraded to allow for electronic payments.



### Utility Work Allows Gibson Street Reconstruction to Progress

Xcel Energy began its utility work on Gibson Street in front of the Lismore building. The City had completed construction on the east half of the block of Gibson Street between the Lismore and U.S. Bank, but it was unable to begin work on the west half. With Xcel Energy beginning their work on the west half, the City expects to have all of Gibson Street completed this fall and fully open for traffic before the end of the year.

### Alleys Selected for Reconstruction

As part of the City's new emphasis on improving the condition of public alleys, 20 city alleys were selected for reconstruction. If approved by the City Council, the 20 alleys would be upgraded systematically starting in 2016.

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## Eau Claire City Council



### City Council Meeting Summary – October 26 & 27, 2015

#### The City Council

- Conducted public hearings regarding ordinances to rezone property at 3633 Flynn Place from R-1 to R-2 for duplex development and to rezone properties at 5110 and 5118 E. Hamilton Avenue from TR-1 to R-1 and then adopted such rezonings.
- Conducted a public hearing related to and then approved the 2015 Federal Mass Urban Transit Operating Assistance Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration and approved the 2015 Transit Capital Assistance Grant Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
- Conducted a public hearing and then adopted a Charter Ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire.
- Held public discussions and subsequently adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 10.38 of the City Code of Ordinances entitled “Alternate Side Parking”, (regarding parking during a full plow operation) and a separate ordinance related to a new Neighborhood Revitalization Task Force Work Program.
- Adjourned into closed session to discuss and seek bargaining direction on terms and conditions of a potential development agreement with Haymarket Concepts, L.L.C., Eau Claire Confluence Arts, Inc., and the City regarding the Confluence Project community arts facility,
- Authorized Festival Foods to conduct the Festival Foods Turkey Trot on November 26 at Hobbs Ice Center and along city streets, trails and sidewalks.
- Introduced a resolution amending the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses, effective January 1, 2016. A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, November 9, regarding the Schedule and this item will be placed on the November 10, 2015 Budget Adoption agenda for consideration.
- Approved bids and proposals for Procurement No. 2015-69, Purchase of VLA VMWare Licenses and for Procurement 2015-63, Consulting Services for WasteWater Treatment Plant Outfall Cleanup.
- Authorized the Fire Department to accept grant monies from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Fire Protection Grant Program.
- Certified the Semi-Annual Report for EDA-funded Revolving Loan Fund Grants.
- Authorized the City to release the current easement and to accept dedication of a realigned easement along the south bank of the Eau Claire River, from S. Barstow Street to Haymarket Plaza for use as a City River Walk.
- Deferred special assessments based on Chapter 3.16 of the Code of City Ordinances.
- Approved a new appointment to the Transit Commission.

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